

AS YOU WIND ALONG THESE ROADS, DISCOVER THE FOOTPRINTS OF EARLIER TIMES.

The early settlers created civilization out of the untamed natural environment they found in the Entiat Valley.



"The necessary qualifications for an ideal country place are, retirement without remoteness, healthful climate, fine scenery, nearness to fishing and hunting, fertile soil and absence of severe storms... Until I visited the Entiat, I had never found a location which combined them all. Here is an ideal location, and here I am going to stay."

- Mr. E.T. Mauk, Early day land promotion



"Entiat is witnessing prosperity of late. Ten years ago there was no post office, store or bridge in the entire valley. There were about 100 people. Now there are three post offices, a number of bridges, four school districts and many fine homes. A great enterprise for the valley was completed by Gray and Son when the electric plant flashed on the lights at Waterville."

-Newspaper article, 1905.



"It's hard to imagine how much these settlers did in such a short length of time. Between 1895 and 1905 they planted orchards; developed irrigation ditches; built their homes, cleared their land, and still found time to build school houses for their children's education as well as churches for their spiritual needs."

- Albert Long.



"The resources of the valley are fruit, vegetables, cereals, stock raising, lumber, mining, etc. Many car loads of fruit are shipped out to Seattle and other points every year, and the area of orchard culture is being extended each year with surprising rapidity."

- DeWitt C. Britt, Editor, Chelan Leader, 1903.



"The [Entiat] Museum brings back the days of Silico Saska the Entiat Indian Chief, log drives on the Entiat, bands of sheep passing through on their way to the high ranges, the large cattle ranch located at the present town site, the coming of boat service on the Columbia in 1888, the later coming of the rail road, coming of the Forest Service, the three different Entiat town sites."

- Art Johnson, Entiat Community Historical Society.



"Road building and change on the Entiat were gradual. In early days, some places, in order to pass one team would be unhitched and the buggy or wagon pushed up the hillside to let the other wagon pass."

- Jim Roundy.



"The history of Hudson Bay people, the Chinese miners, and early missionaries to the Indians in our valley is not well known. Men such as Lewis Detwiler, James Bonar, Axle Erickson, lead the way with the earliest land settlements in 1887. T.J. Cannon, C.A. Harris and George Gray were the first sawmill and lumber operators in the valley in the late 1880's and early 1890's. These people set the stage for the establishment of the farms, orchards and lumbering which followed."

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